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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 4. SUBPARAS A. AND B.)

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL FROM AMB. HODGSON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PINT, JA, US

SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AFFAIR

1. THE WEEK GOT UNDERWAY HERE IN TOKYO WITH A FLURRY OF INTENSE GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY YESTERDAY ON THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL ISSUE. BOTH THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES TOOK ACTION TO PLACE THE BALL SQUARELY IN AMERICAN COURT. IN DOING SO THEY ARE RESPONDING TO A PERVASIVE VIEW HERE THAT AMERICANS OPENED PANDORA'S BOX WIDE ENOUGH TO GET GOJ IN TROUBLE BUT NOT WIDE ENOUGH TO PROVIDE INGREDIENTS TO DEAL WITH THE TROUBLE.

2. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BOTH HOUSES OF LEGISLATURE PASSED RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING THAT SPECIAL ENVOY OF CABINET RANK BE SENT TO UNITED STATES TO INVESTIGATE AND GET FACTS. THESE RESOLUTIONS WERE TRANSMITTED TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN EARLY EVENING, AND IT WAS SO PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

3. PRIME MINISTER AND HIS CABINET MET UNTIL LATE EVENING AND MADE SOME DECISIONS ON MATTER. WHILE PRIMIN AND FONMIN CONTINUED TO MEET TO DISCUSS TEXTUAL

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MATTERS, FONMIN DISPATCHED HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT,

ARIMA, ON POST-MIDNIGHT MISSION TO EMBASSY RESIDENCE
TO REPORT TO ME WHAT WAS HAPPENING. ARIMA REPORTED
AS FOLLOWS:

A. IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO SEND SPECIAL ENVOY AT
THIS TIME TO AMERICA. INSTEAD PRIMIN MIKI WILL
SEND LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD REQUESTING
PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE IN GETTING INFORMATION
NEEDED BY GOJ TO DEAL WITH THIS CASE.

B. MIKI'S LETTER WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO AMB. TOGO
IN JAPAN'S WASHINGTON EMBASSY SOMETIME TUESDAY.
TOGO WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER IT TO
INGERSOLL IN STATE DEPT SOMETIME THEREAFTER.

C. THE LETTER RUNS TWO OR THREE PAGES WITH
MANY REFERENCES TO RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED AND NEED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES.

D. NO ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE HERE OF CONTENTS
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL LETTER. IT IS HOPED THAT AT
WASHINGTON END OUR GOVT WILL AGREE TO MAKE
PUBLIC "GIST" OF LETTER ALONG WITH A PRESIDENTIAL
RESPONSE. MIKI'S LETTER WILL REFERENCE THE DIET
RESOLUTIONS AND INCLUDE THEM AS ENCLOSURES.
ARIMA SEEMED TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
IDEA OF A "GIST" RELEASE RATHER THAN ACTUAL TEXT.

4. LANGUAGE OF LETTER IS NOT YET IN FINAL FORM AND
SEVERAL MINOR PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS REMAIN. SEVERAL
MAY HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN TOGO AND INGERSOLL.
SOME THAT OCCUR TO US HERE ARE:

A. WHAT IS SIGNIFICANCE OF "GIST" APPROACH WITH
RESPECT TO REALEASE OF THE LETTER?

B. WHAT IS WISHED WITH RESPECT TO ANNOUNCEMENT
OF HANDLING OF LETTER IN WASHINGTON AND SHOULD
TOKYO BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE?

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C. SHOULD ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTENTS OF MIKI
LETTER AWAIT A POSSIBLY DELAYED PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE?

D. HOW DO THE DIET RESOLUTIONS GET CONVEYED TO
THE SENATE?
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